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BOSN H. W. Goodwin  
C.O., Barnegat Lifeboat Station  
Barnegat, New Jersey

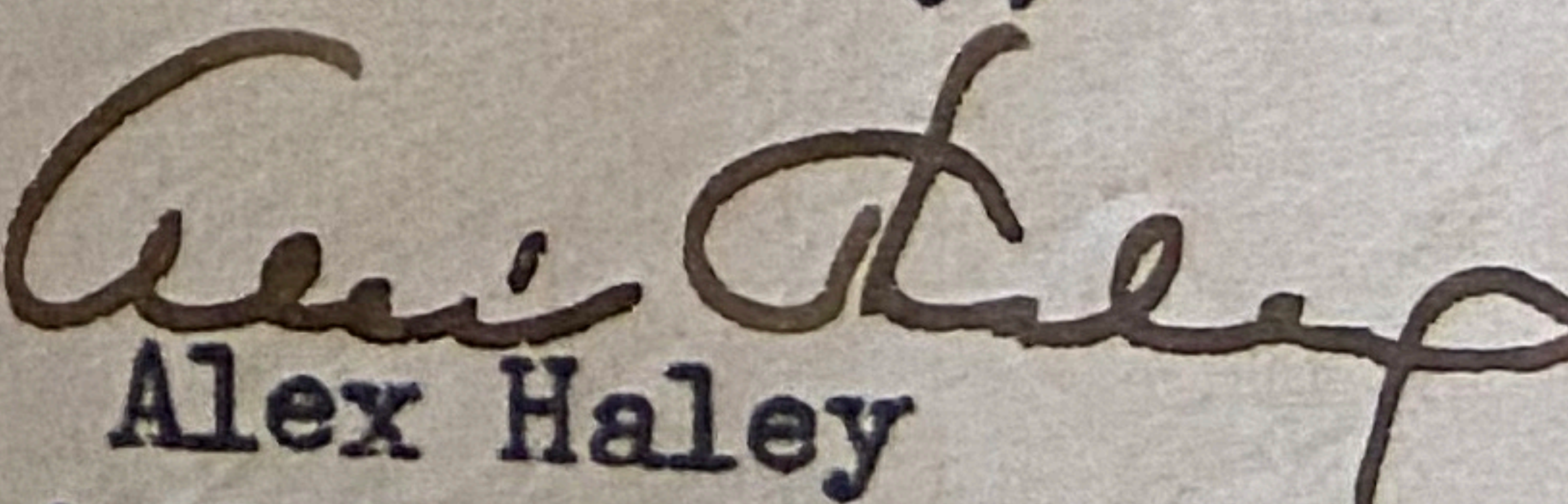
Dear Boatswain Goodwin:

The rumor reached us recently that "Sinbad", retired to shore duty at your station, has not been too well of late. Since he has already become a legend in our Service, we are now making such tentative advance plans as we can to fittingly observe his passing whenever we are forced, with deep regret, to do so.

In this connection, we plan sometimes within the next few weeks to visit your station with motion and still cameramen to obtain film and pictures that we might later use in compiling his complete career. I plan to come with these men to do a story for the Coast Guard Magazine on Sinbad in his twilight years. It may interest you to know that we plan to make his ultimate death a national event, with newspaper, newsreel, television, radio and magazine coverage. We plan that he may lie in state aboard the CAMPBELL, if that is possible, and be buried with full honors at sea.

I would appreciate your informing me at earliest convenience on how well Sinbad actually seems to be, and when it would be most convenient for you that we come to get our story and pictures. With thanks for your co-operation, I am

Respectfully,

  
Alex Haley  
Chief Journalist  
USCG